

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 291 – SB 577**

March 26, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008503):** Prohibits the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) from issuing or renewing a permit for surface coal mining operations that alter or disturb a ridgeline over 2,000 feet above sea level. Authorizes the renewal of such permits if issued prior to the effective date of this bill as amended if certain conditions are met. Surface mining activities that are incidental to underground mining are exempt from these prohibitions. These restrictions do not apply to land that is eligible for federal funding.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumption applied to amendment:

- A slight decrease in the number of permits issued or renewed for surface coal mining activities. According to TDEC, applications for these permits are rare and any decrease in state revenue or forgone state revenue associated with a decline in permit issuance will not be significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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